

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the people of New Mexico, by their Delegates in Convention assembled, did, on the 25th day of May, frame a State Constitution for the Territory of New Mexico, and request the present Civil and Military Governor of this Territory to issue a Proclamation for Elections, for the purpose of submitting the same to the people, and for the purpose of electing such officers as are provided to be so elected in said Constitution:

Therefore, I, John Munroe, Civil and Military Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby direct that the qualified electors shall assemble at the precincts of their respective counties on Thursday, the 20th day of June next, between the rising and setting of the sun, to vote on a separate ballot *for or against* the Constitution as framed by the Convention, the same to be deposited in a separate box; and on another separate ballot to be deposited in a separate box, for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Representatives to Congress, and for Senators and Representatives to a State Legislature, to convene at the Capitol on Monday, the first day of July next. It being provided and understood that the election of all officers in this election can only be valid by the adoption of the Constitution by the people and otherwise null and void; and that all action of the Governor, Lieut. Governor, and of the Legislature, shall remain inoperative until New Mexico be admitted as a State under said Constitution, except such acts as may be necessary for the primary steps of organization, and the presentation of said Constitution properly before the Congress of the United States.

The present Government shall remain in full force until by the action of Congress another shall be substituted.

The election shall be conducted in manner and form as prescribed in the statute laws now in force in this Territory, except that the Prefects are hereby directed forthwith upon the receipt of this Proclamation, to divide their respective counties into convenient election precincts, and to appoint three discreet persons in each precinct as judges of election, who shall appoint two clerks of their respective precincts.

The Prefects, with the assistance of the Prefects' clerks, shall within six days after the election, count up all the votes in the returns of the several precincts of their counties, and shall immediately issue certificates of election under their hands to the persons having the highest number of votes for Representatives to the State Legislature.

They shall also make a fair abstract of the returns from the several precincts of their respective counties of all the votes for and against the Constitution, for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Representatives to Congress, and State Senators, and despatch the same immediately, certified under their hands, to the Secretary of the Territory, who shall issue certificates of election to the persons having the highest number of votes for members of the State Senate, and shall lay such returns before the two houses of the Legislature upon the first day of their session, and immediately upon their being organized.

The number of Representatives and Senators for the respective counties and districts for the State Legislature, shall be the same as prescribed for the Territorial Legislature in the statute laws of this Territory now in force.

When any county officer whose duty it may be to sum up or make returns of votes or certificates of election, shall be a candidate for any office, the senior Alcalde of such county shall be required to aid in counting up said votes, and shall in place of such officer, being a candidate, sign all certificates of elections as hereinbefore prescribed.

Given under my hand at the Government House,
City of Santa Fe, this 28th day of May, A. D., 1850.

JOHN MUNROE,
Civil and Military Governor Territory of New Mexico.